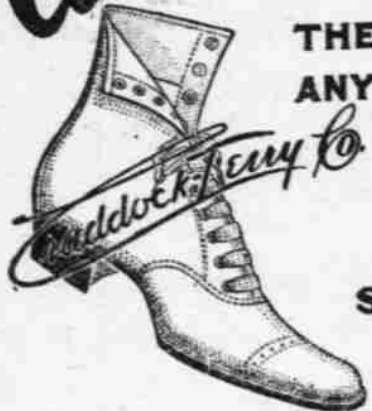


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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Price of a Drink.
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The price of a drink, my brother,
You say is very small—
A penny here, a penny there—
You scarce can miss at all.
But come with me, my brother,
And see the price of drink;
The money paid for liquor
It more, perhaps, than you think.

You smile to yourself, my brother,
And say, "Oh! yes, I know
The weakling and the vicious
The drunkard's way may go,
But I am strong and hearty,
My will is firm and free;
The ruby wine within the cup
Can make no slave of me."

But careful, careful, brother,
You boast your soul to-day,
And trifle with the serpents
That in the wine cup play.
Oh! many a man as noble,
And many a man as brave,
His sunk beneath the damning whirl
Of the wine cup's ruddy wave.

You shudder, shudder, brother,
As you hear the orphans' cry.
And see the want and sorrow
That all around them lie.
You help to lift the fallen
With money from your purse,
And yet you trifle with the wine
That brings the awful curse.

You scout the thought, my brother,
That those you hold so dear
Need take for you a single thought;
Need entertain a fear.
That wife of yours so happy,
From want and woe is safe;
That bonny little blossom
Will never be a waif.

But many a man, my brother,
As noble, brave and true,
Has wrecked his boat along the shore
Where the rocks are hid from view
You scout the thought of danger,
But men like you oft fall,
And lose within the flowing cup,
Their lives, their soul, their all.

The price of a drink, my brother,
You say is very small;
A penny here, a penny there,
You scarce can miss at all.
If pennies, O! my brother,
The awful tale could tell.
No longer need we wage a war
With the beverage of hell.
—Selected.

Knowing Enough.

I wish that I might impress upon
every boy and girl among our read-
ers the incomparable value of a good
education. A boy of fifteen who had
just graduated from the grammar
school, came to me one day, and
said:

"Could you get me a place in your
office? I want to give up school
now."

"Give up school at your age!" I
said.

"Yes, sir," he replied. "I'm tired
of it and I want to get to earning
money. Plenty of boys no older than
I am are earning five or six dollars a
week."

"Is it really necessary for you to
give up school?"

"Oh, no; I can keep on and go
through the high school if I want to,
and I've an uncle who says he'd help
me through college after that. But
I don't like to go to school and I
want to get to earning money."

Then I gave that boy a good "talk-
ing to," and what I said to him ap-
plies to every boy who would leave
school simply because he "doesn't
like it," or because he wants to
"earn money." This boy, like many

others, thought that he "knew enough
now," which reminded me of the
words of a noted writer, who said:

"The boy who leaves school know-
ing much, but hating his lessons, will
soon have forgotten almost all he
ever learned; while another who has
acquired a thirst for knowledge, even
if he had learned little, would soon
teach himself more than the first
ever knew."

I am always sorry for the boys who
"know enough" at fifteen or sixteen
years of age. The time is sure to
come when a knowledge of their
own ignorance at this age will come
to them with humiliating force. A
boy of sixteen or even nineteen has
hardly done more than to begin to
learn. He has but laid the founda-
tion of real knowledge, and, when he
talks of "knowing enough," he pro-
claims his ignorance.

All that the wisest men on earth
know is trifling when compared to
that which they do not know. It may
be true that you do not like to study,
but you will find, my boy, that life
is full of duties, the performance of
which you may not really like, but
they must be performed. Then, too,
it is entirely possible for you to learn
to like your studies, and, when this
happens, you will realize the immense
advantage and the value of educa-
tion.

If any of you intend leaving school
this year simply because you are
"tired of school life," or because you
want to "earn money," I beg of you
to give the matter careful, prayerful
consideration before you take a step
so certain to be regretted in after
life when you realize that you did
not "know enough," or half enough,
when you left school.—Young Peo-
ple's Weekly.

Names of Fabrics.

Muslin is named for Mosul, in
Asia.

Serge comes from Xerga, the
Spanish for a certain sort of blanket.

Bandanna is derived from an In-
dian word signifying to bind or tie.

Calico is named for Calicut, a town
in India, where it was first printed.

Alapaca is the name of a species
of llama from whose wool the genu-
ine fabric is woven.

The name "damask" is an abbrevia-
tion of Damascus; satin is a corrup-
tion of Zaytown, in China.

Velvet is the Italian "vellute,"
woolly, and, is traceable farther back
to the Latin vellus, a hide or pelt.

Shawl is from the Sanskrit sala,
which means floor, shawls having
been first used as carpet tapestry.

Cambric comes from Cambrai,
gauze from Gaza, baize from Bajac,
dimity from Dametta, and jeans from
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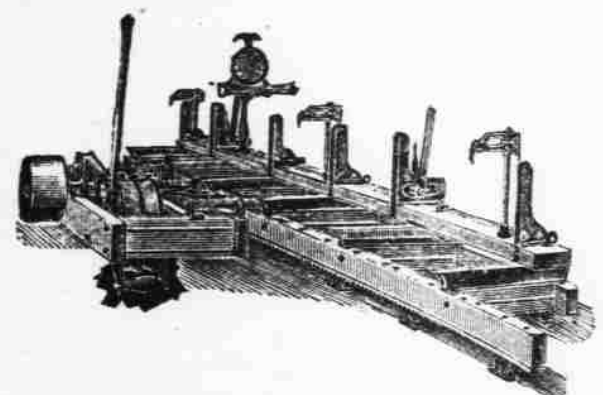
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